

Upcoming Fingerprinting Requirements for Increased Control Licensees

NOTICE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has tasked their staff with developing a plan, in conjunction with the Agreement States, to begin fingerprinting and criminal history record checks for all persons that have access to radioactive materials in Quantities of Concern (i.e., those that are currently determined to be Trustworthy and Reliable pursuant to the Increased Controls). This direction responds to Section 652 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which was incorporated into the Atomic Energy Act in Section 149 (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0980/rev1/vol-1-sec-1.pdf>).

The Commission's direction is provided in SRM-SECY-07-0011 (available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/srm/2007/2007-0011srm.pdf>).

The Agreement States are working with the NRC staff via a Working Group set up specifically to address this issue. As an Agreement State, California would also like to provide, to the extent possible, comments from the regulated community to the Working Group. This effort is in the very early stages of development, but the NRC has indicated that it should be completed by September 2007. If you would like to comment on this effort, please send your comments via email to: Barbara Hamrick at bhamrick@dhs.ca.gov.